

KILBIRNIE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 May	Term 2 starts
11 May	Sausages for sale at lunchtime
16 May	Board meeting 7pm in staffroom
18 May	School Cross Country
25 May	Fundraising Runathon
1 June	Eastern Zone Cross Country
3 June	Board of Trustees Election
6 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
8 June	Eastern Zone Cross Country postponement
20 June	Board meeting 7pm staffroom
4,5 July	Footnote Dancers at school - workshops
6 July	Sausages for sale at lunchtime
8 July	Term 2 ends

GRADUATE PROFILE - GENIUS HOUR

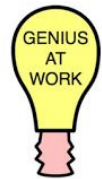
At Kilbirnie School we have a graduate profile, listing the competencies, skills and qualities we want the students of Kilbirnie School to have developed when they leave our school at the end of Year 6. Our graduates will be:

- ☑ Happy at school with a strong sense of inclusion and belonging.
- ☑ **Confident, resilient and willing to take risks**
- ☑ Respectful of others and aware of tikanga Māori.
- ☑ **Independent self-managers, who set goals, self-assess and reflect.**
- ☑ Literate, numerate and keen participants in physical activity.
- ☑ Skilled users of technologies and discerning consumers of information.
- ☑ **Curious and engaged participants, contributors and leaders.**
- ☑ **Creative, innovative and critical thinkers who communicate effectively.**
- ☑ Aware of the environment and eager to protect it.

The four bolded competencies and skills above relate specifically to skillsets needed by the 21st century workforce. As part of our current focus on **Innovative Learning Environment** and cooperative teaching and learning, we are looking at ways to

provide greater individualisation and independence for the students. In "traditional" teaching and learning teachers plan programmes of work around the areas of the national curriculum.

This year the staff has been involved in a number of staff meetings looking at the teaching and learning behind the **Genius Hour**. This is an extension of the work involving Tony, Peter and Rochelle, as well as with Nomi Wald from Gifted Kids Programme. Through Genius Hour individuals or small groups of students can investigate topics relating to personal interests. This is an approach to learning built around students' curiosity. It is self-directed and "passion-based", providing a choice in what



MY GENIUS HOUR RESEARCH PACKET

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

they learn, how they learn, and how they present, during a set period of time during the week. In Genius Hour the



students are more in control; and as a learning model it promotes inquiry, research, creativity and self-directed learning. These skills link well with our school's graduate profile.

BOOK DONATION

These fantastic books about conservation were donated to the school by Leigh-Anne Wiig. Bo, Tasso and Liam really enjoy reading about Penguins, Maui Dolphins and Seals. They are going to be put in to the school library so the rest of the children can enjoy the books



HEALTH & SAFETY

Many of you will be aware that the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 came into effect last week. The Government has set a target of at least a 25% reduction in workplace injuries by 2020. The key emphasis is on everyone in the workplace (Kilbirnie School) being responsible for health and safety. The board, as a legal entity, has an obligation to do what is reasonably practicable to keep workers and others safe. Being more aware of potential risks and hazards is very important and for that reason the school is currently reviewing its current health and safety policies and procedures, as well as introducing regular health and safety items to syndicate, staff and board meetings. At the next board meeting in May I will be outlining several health and safety checklists. We obviously carry out regular health and safety checks as part of the normal school programme, e.g. our caretaker carries out regular inspections of the adventure playground, and the new Act can only enhance our current practices.

Our school grounds are open to the public and used outside of normal school hours, for a wide range of activities. These can include sports activities using school sports fields, swimming pool, skateboarding, after school programmes or activities taking place in the school hall. We have an obligation to ensure our grounds are safe for use by people outside of normal school hours. Visitors to a school have responsibility to take reasonable care for their own and others' health and safety. This does not include people who unlawfully enter the school site.

We do have concerns over two safety issues:

On Wednesday we had a bad collision between a child playing in the playground before nine o'clock and a child riding his scooter. Could I please remind all children, and parents, that they are to walk with their scooters and bikes once they enter the school grounds.

Secondly, we do have is a small number of children seen from time to time climbing on the school roof in the weekends. Could parents and caregivers please remind children of the dangers involved and contact the police if they observe this happening.

Mike McGimpsey
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tunnel Laundrette Promotion

Each \$10 (18kg) wash sold at Hataitai 4 Square in the month of April we will donate \$5 to your school. The 18kg wash is perfect for large items like duvets, blankets and sleeping bags.

Purchase a \$10 wash token from Hataitai 4 Square, tell the person at the 4 Square which school your child attends, it will be noted and counted.

For instruction on how to use the 18kg machine go to www.bigwash.co.nz or call 021 08255753

Animates Free Workshops

Learn about looking after your pets

Thursday 21st and 28th April 11:00am at your Local Animates store

Click on [a link](#) to our activity booklet for you to download for free

Zendoodle & Colouring Holiday workshop

www.easynowmindfulness.com for more info

Kelly Sports Term 2 & Holiday programmes

www.kellysports.co.nz for more info

Are your children Safe in and around water?

Holiday programme at Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre

wrcswimschool@wcc.govt.nz for more info

Fundraiser for Volunteer nurse going to Kenya

Quality pre-loved clothing, shoes, bric a brac etc Sat 16th April from 10:00am Lyall Bay Bowling Club

If you have any items to donate or coat hangers Ph Louise Forsyth 027 3935

Kids X Country Series

Over winter months at various Wgtn venues

Pre-schoolers through to Year 8

<https://www.athleticshub.co.nz/our-programmes#kidsxcountry>

Jennian Homes Mothers Day Fun/Run/Walk

Sunday 8 May on Wgtn waterfront.

When registering you will be asked to nominate your school, you will then be in the draw to win a share of \$50,000 of sports equipment

<http://www.jennianmothersday.com> to register

Learn Mandarin Chinese

Island Bay Comm Centre Term 2

www.nihaocc.org.nz for more info

Artrageous Holiday programmes

Bookings at www.artrageouskids.co.nz

Wgtn United Junior Football Club

April Holiday programme boys & girls 6-15 years old

Registration <http://goo.gl/eszQQH>

information: www.wellingtonunited.org.nz/holiday-programmes.html

Miramar Rangers AFC Holiday programme

Indian Sports Centre, Kilbirnie

www.miramar-rangers.com/juniors for more info

Wgtn Diving Club at Aquatic Centre

5-17 years old www.wellingtondiving.org.nz for info

Free trial